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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-Fig. 13 is a sectional view, corresponding to Fig. 2 of the first embodiment, showing an absorbent article according to another embodiment of the present invention;-

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph: